

FREE **Nursery Places** for 3 and 4 year olds



**Information for
parents and carers**

Freephone: 0800 458 4114



**Nottingham
City Council**

FREE Early Years Education

If your child is 3 or 4 years old then they are entitled to a free, part-time nursery education place before starting primary school. Nursery education can be fun for 3 and 4 year olds – they will be learning and playing with friends and will be looked after by skilled staff. Research shows that a child's development will benefit from attending nursery education sessions, such as reading, writing and growing confident social skills.

How do I claim a FREE place?

A child who has a 3rd or 4th birthday on or between	Can access a free place from
1 April and 31 August	from 1 September
1 September and 31 December	from 1 January
1 January and 31 March	from 1 April

- For a list of providers in your area call the Families Information Service on 0800 458 4114
- Contact the provider of your choice and arrange a visit. If you are happy for your child to attend, the provider will ask you to complete the necessary forms
- When you have secured a place, the provider will notify us and we will fund the provider directly



Every Early Year's education provider is inspected for quality by Ofsted.

The results should be available at the nursery education provider. Alternatively, you can visit the Ofsted website www.ofsted.gov.uk.

What your child is entitled to

Your child is entitled to up to 15 hours per week for 38 weeks of the year.

Paying for additional hours

If you require more than 15 hours per week there will be a charge from the providers for all of these additional hours. Please check with your provider for details of these and any other additional charges, such as for meals.

Where are places available?

- Most primary and nursery schools
- Day nurseries
- Pre-school playgroups
- Childminders

How can the FREE places be taken?

Free Early Years Education can be taken flexibly:

- Between 7am – 7pm
- A minimum of 2.5 hours can be taken in one day
- A maximum of 10 hours can be taken in one day

The free 15 hours a week can be divided between two providers.



Contact us

You can contact the Nottingham City Council
Families Information Service on:

Freephone: 0800 458 4114

Email: fis@nottinghamcity.gov.uk

Visit: www.nottinghamcity.gov.uk/families

Write to:

Families Information Service, Nottingham City Council,
Children and Families Services, Loxley House,
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